

STATE OF LOUISIANA

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED
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MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Elective Deliveries

Induced deliveries and cesarean sections shall not be reimbursed when performed prior to 39 weeks gestation. This shall not apply to deliveries when there is a documented medical condition that would justify delivery prior to 39 weeks gestation.

Coverage of Donor Human Breast Milk

Effective for dates of service on or after August 20, 2020, coverage shall be provided for donor human breast milk obtained from a member bank of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America, provided to hospitalized infants in acute care hospitals.

Genetic Testing of Critically Ill Infants

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2023, inpatient hospitals shall receive reimbursement for rapid whole genome sequencing testing of an infant who meets all of the following criteria:

1. Is one year of age or younger;
2. Has a complex illness of unknown etiology; and
3. Is receiving inpatient hospital services in an intensive care or pediatric unit.

Rapid whole genome sequencing testing includes individual sequencing, trio sequencing of the parents of the infant, and ultra-rapid sequencing.

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PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE

Reimbursement for Donor Human Breast Milk

Effective for dates of service on or after August 20, 2020, hospitals shall be reimbursed for donor human breast milk provided to hospitalized infants when obtained from a member bank of the Human Milk Banking Association of North America. Reimbursement will be made as an add-on service in addition to the hospital payment for the inpatient hospital stay.

Reimbursement for COVID-19 Laboratory Testing Services in Acute Inpatient Hospitals

Effective for dates of service on or after September 20, 2021, acute care hospitals shall receive reimbursement for COVID-19 laboratory testing, in addition to the hospital per diem payment for the inpatient hospital stay. These add-on payments to the inpatient per diem rate shall be applicable only for acute care inpatient stays in state and non-state owned hospitals, small rural hospitals, Children's specialty hospitals and Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center. Psychiatric, rehabilitation, long term acute care hospitals shall not receive these payments.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of COVID-19 laboratory testing in acute care hospitals. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of June 17, 2021, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Louisiana Medicaid website at www.lamedicaid.com.

Genetic Testing of Critically Ill Infants

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2023 hospitals shall receive reimbursement for rapid whole genome sequencing testing, in addition to the hospital per diem payment for the inpatient stay.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of genetic testing of critically ill infants in inpatient hospitals. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2022, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published on the Louisiana Medicaid website at www.lamedicaid.com.